

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location of a member of the Commonwealth Forces, during the Great War 1914-1921.

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| Casualty Identification: | | Burial Information: | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| Confirmed Identity | X | Burial Location Identified | X |
| Most Probable Identity | | Grave Stone Correction | X |
| Questionable Identity | | Grave Records Correction | X |
| Incorrect Identity | | Request for CWGC Details | |
| Other | | Other | |

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

| Casualty Identification: | | Burial Information: | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Eales, Valentine William | i | La Brique MC No. 2 | link |
| Royal Horse Guards | i | West-Vlaanderen, Belgium | i |
| Corporal #1341 | i | Plot 1 Row T Grave 7 | i |
| Death: 13 May 1915 | link | Burial: 6 December 1921 | i |
| Graves Registration Report | 1 | War Diary Extract(s) | 8a-e |
| Concentration of Grave | 2 | Historical Records | |
| Headstone Register | 3 | Grave Stone Photograph | |
| The Question of Rank | 4a-d | Grave Stone Inscription | |
| Area Map(s) | 5 | Memorial Inscription/Photo | |
| Trench Map(s) | 6 | Reporting and Review | 9 |
| Possible Candidates List | 7a,b | Other | |

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 1 Row T Grave 7 lists an Unknown Serjeant Major of the Royal Horse Guards. As our report details, there would not be a Serjeant Major in the Royal Horse Guards as the rank of Serjeant (at any grade or level) did not exist in the archaic hierarchy of the Royal Horse Guards. This report will also detail how easily the insignia and badging on a Royal Horse Guards Corporal's uniform could be (and was) mistaken for a Serjeant Major's in any other British unit outside of the Household Cavalry.

Our investigation clearly showed that Corporal Valentine William Eales #1341, a Corporal of the Royal Horse Guards, was the only candidate who was an unaccounted for KIA from the Royal Horse Guards who had been killed in action, during the Great War, at exactly the location where these remains were recovered.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 1 Row T Grave 7 of the La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2 are those of Corporal Valentine William Eales of the Royal Horse Guards.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The “*Graves Registration Report Form*” (GRRF) for the La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2 shows an Unknown Serjeant Major of the Royal Horse Guards in Plot 1 Row T Grave 7 (*Attachment #1*). As our report details, there were no Serjeant Majors in the Royal Horse Guards, however the markings interpreted for that rank insignia worn by a Corporal or Corporal of Horse in that regiment.
2. The “*Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return*” (COG-BR) reports that the Unknown British Serjeant Major of the Royal Horse Guards was identified by the “Crown and Buttons” on his uniform (*Attachment #2*). The remains were recovered at trench map coordinates **28.I.11.a.5.7** (GPS: [50.8552, 2.9263](#)), which is about 2,500 yards due east of Ypres, Belgium.
3. The “*Comprehensive Report of Headstone Inscriptions*” (HD-SCHD) has dropped the affiliation to the Royal Horse Guards and reports only an “Unknown British Serjt Major” (*Attachment #3*). This is understandable, as there was no such rank. This error on the part of the identification team is discussed in detail in the following section.
4. The question of rank is one of the most important issues that relates to this case. For the beginning of this analysis, we refer to the historical documents that discuss this issue (*Attachment #4a*). Within either of the regiments (*1st or 2nd Life Guards or Royal Horse Guards*) of the Household Cavalry; there is no rank of “Serjeant” in any form. However, all rank badges include the crown as a regimental badge.

Confirmation of the insignia is provided by a period photograph of an Officer and two Corporals of Horse (*Attachment #4b*). The identification team erred when they reported that the remains were those of a Serjeant Major and thus were unable to determine the name of the deceased soldier of the Royal Horse Guards. Those making the identification were not aware that in that regiment, the Crown and Chevrons were the mark of a Corporal or Corporal of Horse, as shown in the images. The Crown distinguishes the insignia from that of an Army Serjeant and leads to the confusion that the rank is that of Serjeant Major.

The question as to the specific NCO rank was more difficult to address due to the limited information provided on the COG-BR for the La Brique Cemetery Military Cemetery No. 2. The identification as “R. H. G. (Royal Horse Guards) was made on the basis of the “Crown & Buttons”, which they interpreted to be a “Sergt Major” (Serjeant Major). This issue is resolved, not through an examination of

this particular COG-BR, but rather that of [Corporal C. A. Waite #1533](#) who is buried in Plot 32 Row C Grave 24 at the New Irish Farm Cemetery. That COG-BR appears almost identical to that of the unknown at La Brique, in that Corporal Waite was initially identified as a “Sergt Major” by the “Crown and Numeral” (*Attachment #4c*). This was later changed to “Corporal”. This is confirmed on the GRRF document, where the information was changed from “Royal Horse Gds, Unknown British C.S.M.” to “Royal Horse Guards, Household Cav, 1553 Waite, Cpl. C. A.” (*Attachment #4d*).

5. To determine which of the missing men (unknowns) of the Royal Horse Guard are candidates for the remains recovered from the La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2, it is important to first identify the location of the remains at the time of the exhumation. The trench map coordinates for the remains at **28.I.11.a.5.6** (GPS: [50.8548, 2.9263](#)) are depicted in a general 1/40,000 trench map from the McMaster Lloyd Reid Collection (*Attachment #5*).
6. Additional detail on the location of the remains is marked on a period 1/10,000 trench map for better comparison to the information provided by the war diary (*Attachment #6*). The blue crosshairs mark the location where the remains were recovered, as reported for 6 December 1921. This area is to the east of Railway Wood and due north of the main rail line from Ypres to Roulers. That places the remains 3400 yards northwest of Hooze, 2100 yards northeast of Hellfire Corner and 2850 yards southeast of Potijze.
7. An analysis was made of all of the possible candidates from the Royal Horse Guards who may have perished at that location and who were memorialized as those that had “No Known Grave” (*Attachment #7*). The CWGC database records 104 casualties for the Royal Horse Guards in the Great War, of which 42 are recorded in Belgium. One casualty, Trooper Molineux, is recorded with a Kipling Memorial in the White House Cemetery, whose grave was lost from the Basseville Farm German Cemetery ([GRRF 2156887](#)). Ten (10) men are buried in Belgian Cemeteries with known graves and the remaining thirty-one (31) are named on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. From that list of 31 men we have:

3 Corporals – two in October 1914 and the other in May 1915

- White #1454 (21-10-14): Langemark-Zonnebeke Road (WD [10 of 452](#)) (WD [20 of 413](#))
- Browning #1296 (29-10-14): German attack at Gheluvelt (WD [12 of 452](#)) (WD [32 of 413](#))
- Eales #1341 (13-05-15): road by Railway Wood 28.I.11.b (WD [73 of 452](#))
Disposition Map places the RHG at **28.I.11.a** north or road east of GHQ Line (WD [372 of 773](#)) where the remains of the unknown were recovered. See also (WD page [364 of 413](#))

4 Corporals of Horse – three in October 1914, one in November 1914

- Cole #1481(18-10-14): south of Oosteneuwkerke (WD [8 of 452](#)) (WD [18 of 413](#))
- Ervin #1222 (30-10-14): Zandvoorde Ridge (WD [13 of 452](#)) (WD [33 of 413](#), [176 of 413](#))
- Few #1412 (30-10-14): ditto
- Wells #1385 (6-11-14): Zillebeke to Zwart Leen sector (WD [37 of 452](#)) (WD [155 of 413](#))

The locations noted in the above list are shown relative to the location of the recovered remains, using Google Earth Imagery (*Attachment 7b*). The candidates in October and November 1914 were serving in the 7th Cavalry Brigade of the 3rd Cavalry Division. The sole 1915 candidate was killed in action after the regiment transferred to the 8th Cavalry Brigade of the 3rd Division.

8. There is extensive detail on the activity that was taking place at the area where the remains were recovered, at the time of the death of Corporal Eales on 13 May 1915. The most valuable information is contained in the war diary of the 3rd Cavalry Division as it shows the Headquarters of the 8th Cavalry Brigade, which included the Royal Horse Guards, at Potijze (*Attachments 8a*). This places the Royal Horse Guards in the near vicinity of **28.I.4.c.1.8**.

This war diary also provides a disposition sketch of the various regiments for the time that the Royal Horse Guards were in the area where the remains were recovered (*Attachment #8b*). The red arrow on the sketch (*added by the author*) marks to location of the Royal Horse Guards at the time. That location is directly comparable to the location of the remains, as depicted on both versions of the period trench maps. This location is in the sector **28.I.11.a**, precisely where the remains were recovered.

- 3rd Cavalry Division, Headquarters Branches and Services
WO95/1141/1 (starting at [page 367 of 773](#))

Confirmation of this location is provided in the war diary of the 8th Cavalry Brigade. There it is reported that the 8th Brigade received orders to counter attack a retake the trenches at all costs (*Attachment 8c*).

- 3rd Cavalry Division, 8th Cavalry Brigade
WO95/1156/1 (starting at [page 64 of 729](#))

There is a narrative of the operations on 13 May 1915, however it provides very little information of value to this case:

- War Diary 3rd Cavalry Division 8th Cavalry Brigade WO95/1156
Ancestry.co.uk [Narrative of Operations on the 13th May 1915](#)
(starting at [page 71 of 729](#))

Subsequently, a more detailed (typewritten) summary for the 3rd Cavalry Division from the 11th to 14th of May 1915 was recovered:

- War Diary 3rd Cavalry Division Headquarters Branches and Services:
General Staff Appendices WO95/1142/1 – General Report on Operations
May 11th – 14th 1915 (starting on [page 361 of 413](#))

It would appear that between 12:45 pm and 4:45 pm on 13 May 1915, the Royal Horse Guards of the 8th Cavalry Brigade, 3rd Cavalry Division, moved forward to protect the left flank of the 6th Cavalry Brigade (*Attachment #8d*).

The counter-attack was to occur at 2:30 pm, during which time the regiment would move eastward across the sector, as shown on the updated sketch (*Attachment #8e*).

The details provided in the war diaries clearly shows that on 13 May 1915 the Royal Horse Guards were in the precise area where the remains were recovered at **28.I.11.a**.

The only two men that would have rank insignia that might have been confused with that of a Serjeant Major, at that time and location, were Corporal C. A. Waite #1533 and Corporal V. W. Eales #1341. We know that Corporal Waite, who was also confused with a Serjeant Major, is buried in Plot 32 Row C Grave 24 at the New Irish Farm Cemetery. That means that the remains of the Unknown in Plot 1 Row T Grave 7 at the La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2 are those of Corporal Eales.

For reference purposes, we have prepared an overlay of the disposition sketch and the period trench map on a modern Google Earth image of the area (*Attachment #8f*). The base for the Royal Horse Guards shown in the disposition sketches has them just east of the G.H.Q. Line in the vicinity of West Farm, which would be the lower sector of **28.I.10.b**. The remains of Corporal Eales are approximately 750 yards to the east of this location at **28.I.11.a.5.7**. The remains of Corporal Waite are to the northeast of that location at **28.I.5.d.3.0**. We know from the time line, as detailed in the war diary that the death of Corporal Waite would have been after the 10:25 am order to send the Royal Horse Guards to protect the left flank of the 6th Cavalry Brigade. This relates to the time of 4:45 pm where the war diary reports the Blues were pushed forward to a position along the road running N.N.W. from Railway Wood.

Action Required:

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (*Attachment #9*).

The evidence is clear that the remains recovered and buried in Plot 1 Row T Grave 7, in the La Brique Military Cemetery No. 2, are those of Corporal Valentine William Eales #1341 of the Royal Horse Guards.

ATTACHMENT #1

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc2127803.JPG>

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

No.1.AREA.I.W.G.C.

REPORT No. **11** SCHEDULE No. **55/0** *Revised*

COMMUNE ST JEAN
PLACE OF BURIAL **LA BRIQUE BRITISH CEMETERY No.2.**

Map Reference **28.C.26.h.50.25**

The following are buried here:—

| Regiment | No. | Name | Rank and Initials | Date of Death | Cross Erected or G. R. U'd. | Plot, Row and Grave |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1874. Bn. K.R.R.C. | R. 13489 R/15 | EDGE | RFN.R.H. | 12/9/17 | EF/X/11171 | 1/c |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 2/c |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 3/c |
| WORCESTER RGT. | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 4/c |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 5/c |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 6/c |
| ROY. HORSE. GDS. | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SERGT. MAJOR. | | | | 7/c |
| 3rd PLATOON. A Co. | 12231 | McGREGOR | PTE. B. | EF/X/11168 | | 8/c |
| 6th GORDON HLDERS | | | | | | |
| LEICESTER RGT. | 16514 | BROOKS | PTE. W. | 27.4.16 | | 9 ✓ |
| "D" Coy. 1st BTN. THE | 7734 | HARRISON | PTE. J. | 19.4.16 | | 10 ✓ |
| BUFFS | | | | | | |
| " " " | 420 | WRIGHT | PTE. H. | " " | | 11 ✓ |
| " " " | 6890 | LONG | PTE. A. | " " | | 12 ✓ |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 13/c |
| WEST YORKS | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 14/c |
| EAST SURREYS | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SERGT | | | | 15/c |
| " " " | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 16/c |

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ATTACHMENT #2

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1819989.JPG>

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ST JEAN 11-25E

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

1/15/25A B.A.

BURIAL RETURN.

6. 12. 21.

NAME OF CEMETERY OF REBURIAL LA BRIQUE BRITISH CEMETERY No. 2. 28. C. 26. d. 5. 2. 5.

WAS CROSS ON GRAVE?

REGIMENTAL PARTICULARS

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

WERE ANY EFFECTS FORWARDED TO BASE?

| Plot | Row | Grave | Map Reference where body found | Was cross on grave? | Regimental particulars | Means of Identification | Were any effects forwarded to Base? |
|------|-----|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | T | 3 | 28. T. 26. d. 2. 3. | ✓ | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ✓ | CLOTHING | NO |
| 1 | T | 4 | 28. T. 26. c. 0. 6. | ✓ | U. B. S. WORCESTERS. ✓ | CAP BADGE | NO |
| 1 | T | 5 | 28. T. 26. c. 1. 6. | ✓ | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ✓ | CLOTHING | NO |
| 1 | T | 6 | 28. C. 16. b. 9. 5. | ✓ | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ✓ | CLOTHING | NO |
| 1 | T | 7 | 28. I. 11. a. 5. 7. | ✓ | UNKNOWN BRITISH SERGT MAJOR. ✓ | CROWN & BUTTONS | NO |
| 1 | T | 8 | 28. C. 10. c. 2. 7. | ✓ | 12. 31. 1st Bn. G. H. G. DISCS (Unreadable) & Receipt for (Disco & Receipt) Registered letter. YES <i>EFK/10/68</i> | DISCS (Unreadable) & Receipt for (Disco & Receipt) Registered letter. | YES |
| 1 | R | 7 | 28. C. 16. b. 5. 4. | ✓ | 3rd Battalion, "A" Coy., 6th Gordon Bdrs. ✓ | CLOTHING | NO |
| 1 | R | 6 | 28. I. 5. c. 5. 5. | ✓ | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER. ✓ | NUMERALS | NO |

U. R. Blevins

Asst Registration Officer, 12 No. 1. Area, I. W. G. C.

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SLIPS CHECKED 0.5.5.22.

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D. A. D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

ATTACHMENT #3

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Comprehensive Report (A) of Headstone Inscriptions.*
<https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1851604.JPG>

| No. of Contract.....dated..... | | Imperial War Graves Commission. | | | | Schedule "A" Page 37 | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|------|--|---|-----|--|
| Name and Address of Firm. | | COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS to this report is attached COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined) and TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design). | | | | Name of Cemetery. LA BRIQUE M.C. NO.2 To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:— | | | |
| Badge Design No. and Layout No. | 1st Line. Number and Rank. | 2nd Line. Initials, NAME and Honours. | 3rd Line. Regiment. | 4th Line. Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 5, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small> | Age. | Centre of Stone. Relig. Emb. | To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level. Plot P. Row R. Grave G. No. of Stone. | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | |
| LAYOUT 1H UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 S 30 | 541 | |
| 1059/10 UNKNOWN BRITISH LANCE OPL. | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 S 31 | 542 | |
| 1006/10 UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 S 32 | 543 | |
| 1046/10 UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 S 33 | 544 | |
| 1070/1A 3612 PRIVATE W. FAULKNER | | | YORK & LANCASTER REGT. | 20TH FEBRUARY 1916 | NONE | CROSS | 1 S 34 | 545 | |
| 1056/1A 16971 PRIVATE E.B. WYER | | | KING'S SHROPSHIRE L.I. | 27TH DECEMBER 1915 | NONE | CROSS | 1 S 35 | 546 | |
| 1065/1A 20242 PRIVATE D. EVANS | | | KING'S SHROPSHIRE L.I. | 27TH DECEMBER 1915 | NONE | CROSS | 1 S 36 | 547 | |
| 1029/1A R/13789 RIFLEMAN R.H. EDGE | | | KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS | 22ND SEPTEMBER 1917 | NONE | CROSS | 1 T 1 | 548 | |
| LAYOUT 1H UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 2 | 549 | |
| LAYOUT 1H UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 3 | 550 | |
| 1069/1G UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 4 | 551 | |
| LAYOUT 1H UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 5 | 552 | |
| LAYOUT 1H UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 6 | 553 | |
| 1097/1G UNKNOWN BRITISH <u>SERJANT MAJOR</u> | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 7 | 554 | |
| LAYOUT 1H UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | (FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC.ETC.SEE SCHED.G/H) | | | 1 T 8 | 555 | |

4. A special BADGE DESIGN is provided for use with this Headstone.

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ATTACHMENT #4a

The Story of the Household Cavalry by Captain Sir George Arthur Bart, Late Second Life Guards.
London, United Kingdom. Archibald Constable and Company Limited. 1909. [The Internet Archive](#), San Francisco CA, USA [Volume 1](#) & [Volume 2](#)

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and the Private Gentlemen and Troopers, there was formerly the QUARTERMASTER, who in the Life Guards and the Blues from 1664 to 1667 held a commission,* and ranked as junior captain, his position in all other regiments being that of a warrant-officer. A regiment of horse had a quartermaster to each troop. In the reign of Charles the Second the office was often combined with that of Provost-Marshal.

The duties attached to the three grades of Non-Commissioned Officers were always much the same as they are now. The name SERJEANT (Latin *serviens*), in the military sense, as in the legal, originally denoted a position of subordination to one of superior rank. Like the Roman centurion, he is a man "under authority" though "having soldiers under" him. In the Household Cavalry to this day, as formerly in all regiments of horse, the grade of Serjeant is unknown, the corresponding title being Corporal of Horse.

The name CORPORAL (Italian *caporale*) means leader of his section. In the Household Cavalry the four Grades

* The position and functions of a Quartermaster are well illustrated by the following quotation:—"CH. to Our trusty and well-beloved Captain Manley, Greeting: We do hereby of these presents constitute and appoint you to be Quartermaster to Sir F. Compton's troop, in our regiment of Horse Guards, commanded by our right trusty and well-beloved cousin, Aubrey, Earl of Oxford.

"You are carefully to discharge the duty of Quartermaster by exercising the same troop, both Officers and Soldiers, and to keep them in good order and discipline, and we hereby command them to obey you as their Quartermaster, and you are from time to time to observe such orders and commands as you shall receive from your Colonel, or other Superior Officer, according to your rules and Discipline of Wars.

—Given, etc., 3rd May, 1664, by His Majesty's commands." (*Dom. S. P.*) After a three years' trial the system was altered:—

1667, June 21st. Whitehall. Lord Arlington writes to Lord Fauconberg, stating that H.M. has made it a rule to give no more commissions to Quartermasters, that they may be observant to their captains; and also that he has forgotten to ask the King concerning Lieut. Littleton obeying his Lordship's orders, but remembers that H.M. directed all officers of standing troops to obey the Lord Lieutenant's orders whilst they are in his Lieutenancy. (*Hist. MSS., Sir G. Wombwell.*)

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of N.C.O.'s are those of LANCE-CORPORAL, CORPORAL, CORPORAL OF HORSE, and CORPORAL MAJOR.* Of these last one is appointed to each squadron, while others of this rank perform staff duties. Each of the three Regiments, as already stated, has a REGIMENTAL CORPORAL MAJOR, who is a warrant officer.†

The title Lance-Corporal is said to be derived from the Italian *lanspesade*, a horse-soldier who, having lost his steed, was affiliated to the infantry until he could replace it. He enjoyed higher pay than his fellows, was prone to give himself airs, and insisted on ranking and consorting with the Corporals.‡

A very important position was that assigned to the CHAPLAIN, who from the first held a military commission.§ The Articles of War of 1662 prescribed that "the Chaplains to the troops of Guards shall every day read the Common Prayers of the Church of England to the soldiers respectively under their charge, and preach to them as often as with convenience shall be thought fit; and every officer or soldier absent from Prayers shall for every absence lose a day's pay to His Majesty."

It is obvious that Charles the Second took thought for the spiritual welfare of his *corps d'élite*. The Articles issued for the abortive war against the French King in 1666 gave specific injunctions regarding the duty of Divine

* The Household Cavalry first had N.C.O.'s in 1756: *vide* CHAPTER XLIII., p. 428.

† The first Regimental Corporal Major was appointed in 1803: *vide* CHAPTER LVIII., p. 529.

‡ The early Corporals of Life Guards, styled Brigadiers, held commissions as eldest Lieutenants of Horse or youngest Captains, ranking next Guidons, with pay according. The Lance-Corporals (Sub-brigadiers) commanded as officers, but had no commissions, and their pay was one-fourth as much again as a private gentleman's. *Brigadier de cavalerie* in French means Corporal in the Cavalry.

§ A commission for James Gardiner, M.A., to be Chaplain to the King's Guard of Horse, was issued under the Duke of Monmouth.

ATTACHMENT #4b

Officer, Corporal / Corporal of Horse in WWI Pattern Uniform. Note the crown and three chevrons on the upper sleeves of the two men on the right.



ATTACHMENT #4c

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Concentration of Graves (Exhumations and Reburials) Burial Return. <http://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1824470.JPG>

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CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials)

BURIAL RETURN. BELGIUM SHEET 28 NW 10 11-4-21 6/19/21
NEW IRISH FARM BULLEN CEMETERY 11-4-21 6/19/21

NAME OF CEMETERY OF REBURIAL

| Plot | Row | Grave | Map Reference where body found | Was cross on grave? | Regimental particulars | Means of Identification | Were any effects forwarded to Base? |
|------|-----|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 33 | F | 19 | J 21 | ✓ | U. B. S. WEST RIFLES | SPoon | SPoon |
| 33 | F | 20 | J 15 | ✓ | COL J. MC FARLANE 15th BATTN | 2 DISCS AND ENVELOPES | 2 DISCS AND ENVELOPES |
| 33 | F | 21 | J 15 | ✓ | MR. E. BESWICK 26th BATTN | DISC | DISC |
| 33 | F | 22 | J 14 | ✓ | SERGE E. THAXTEN 16th BATTN | DISC | DISC |
| 33 | F | 23 | J 15 | ✓ | SERGE R. NORMAN 14th BATTN | DISCS AND ENVELOPES | DISCS AND ENVELOPES |
| 33 | F | 24 | J 14 | ✓ | MR. A. MORRISON 16th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |
| 33 | F | 25 | J 15 | ✓ | U. B. S. WEST RIFLES | NUMERAL | NUMERAL |
| 33 | F | 26 | J 14 | ✓ | 33061 OR W. PRINCE 24th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |
| 33 | F | 27 | J 14 | ✓ | U. B. S. WEST RIFLES | DISCS | DISCS |
| 32 | C | 21 | J 15 | ✓ | MR. J. NOY 14th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |
| 32 | C | 22 | J 15 | ✓ | U. B. S. WEST RIFLES | DISCS | DISCS |
| 32 | C | 23 | J 11 | ✓ | MR. C. MIMENEM 38th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |
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| 32 | C | 25 | J 15 | ✓ | MR. J. ELLIOT 12th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |
| 32 | C | 26 | J 11 | ✓ | MR. G. WARNER 14th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |
| 32 | C | 27 | J 11 | ✓ | MR. G. WARNER 14th BATTN | DISCS | DISCS |

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of C.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

ATTACHMENT #4d

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Graves Registration Report Form.

<https://archive.cloud.cwgc.org/archive/doc/doc1823421.JPG>

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

No. 1. Area., I.W.G.C. REPORT No. 62 SCHEDULE No. 292/c
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PLACE OF BURIAL NEW IRISH FARM CEMETERY.

Map Reference 28. C.21.c.2.2.

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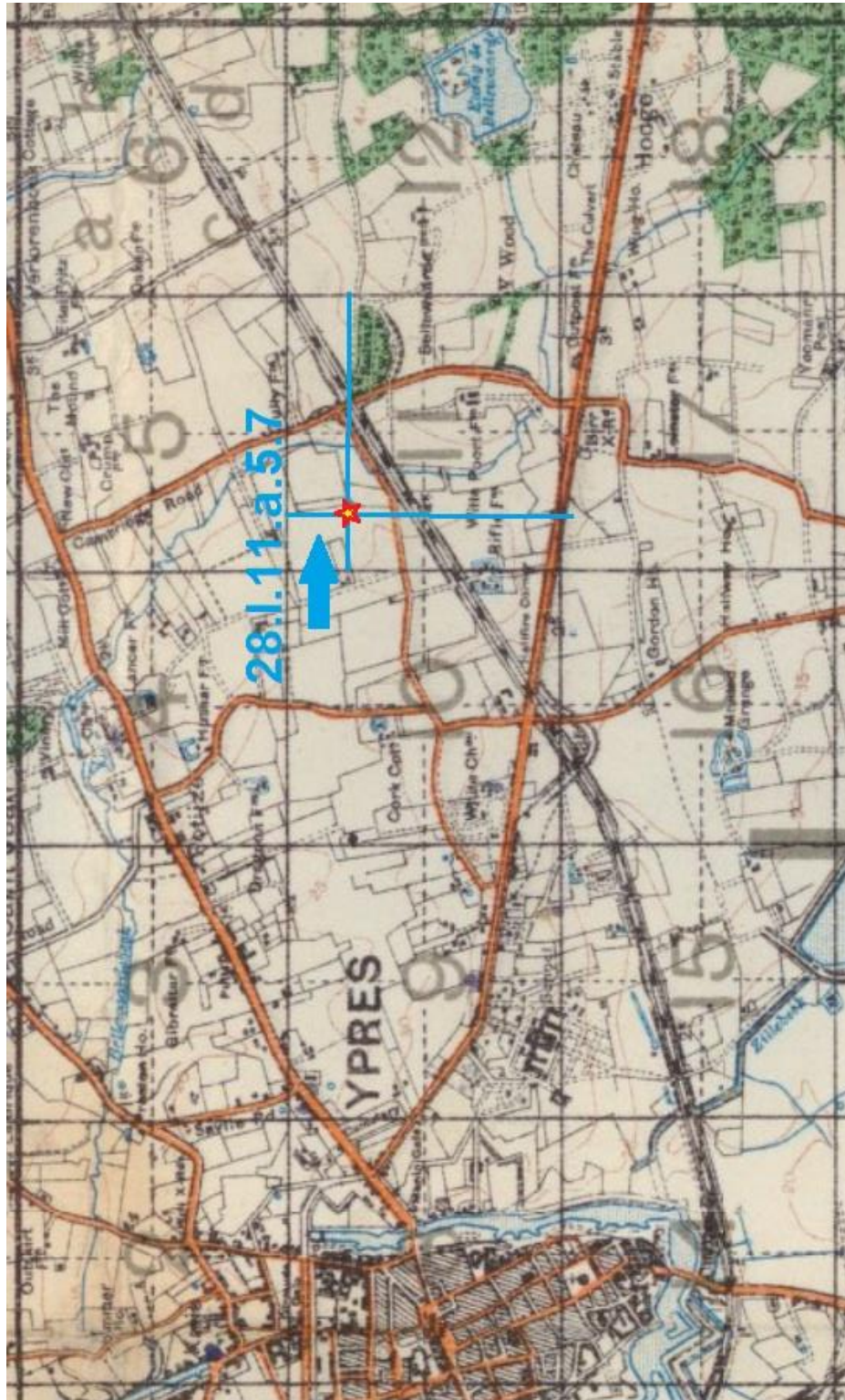
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| Plot 32., Row "C" continued. | | | | | | |
| 49., Bn., Canadian | | UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER | | | | 16✓ |
| Royal Highdrs | 2534 | McNEIL | Sgt. D J. | 10.11.14 | EF/X/9523 | 17✓ |
| | | UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER | | | | 18✓ |
| | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | | 19✓ |
| Bedford | | UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER | | | EF/X/9524 | 20✓ |
| 59 Bn., A.I.F. | 2289 | NOY | Pte. J. | 20.9.17. | All crosses erected | 21✓ |
| A. I. F. | | UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER | | | | 22✓ |
| 7/Cameron's | 840663 | McMENEMY. | Pte. C | 3.8.17. | EF/X/9587. | 23✓ |
| (Royal Horse Gds) | 1533 | WAITE. | CPL. C. A. | 13.5.15. | Ru/41543 | 24✓ |
| 15th Bn., D.L.I. | 53053 | CASSELL | Pte. A. J. | 2.10.17 | EF/X/9588 | 25✓ |
| 12th Bn., Royal Scots | 27021 | ELLIOT | Pte. J. | 31.7.17 | EF/X/9589 | 26✓ |
| Royal Fusiliers | 14397 | WARNER | CPL. G W | 24.5.15 | EF/X/9590 | 27✓ |

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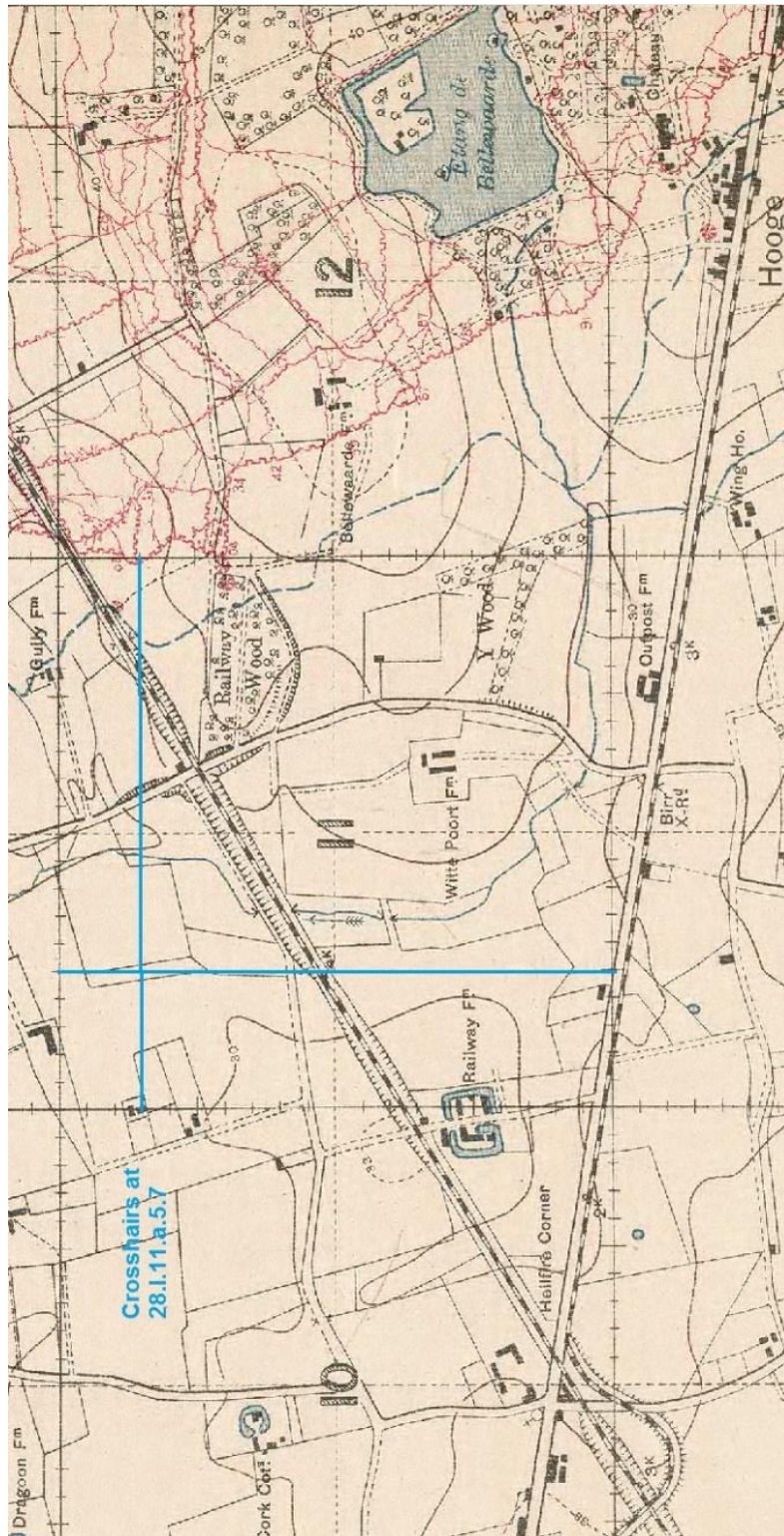
ATTACHMENT #5

Lloyd Reeds Map Collection of McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario Canada. Ypres Map
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ATTACHMENT #6

The National Archives British Trench Map Atlas.28NW4&NE3 Zillebeke Edition 3B Map wo297_0694
Trenches Corrected 15/03/1916. Naval and Military Press, Uckfield, West Sussex, United Kingdom.



ATTACHMENT #7a

Commonwealth War Graves Commission. *Casualty Record: Commonwealth Forces.*

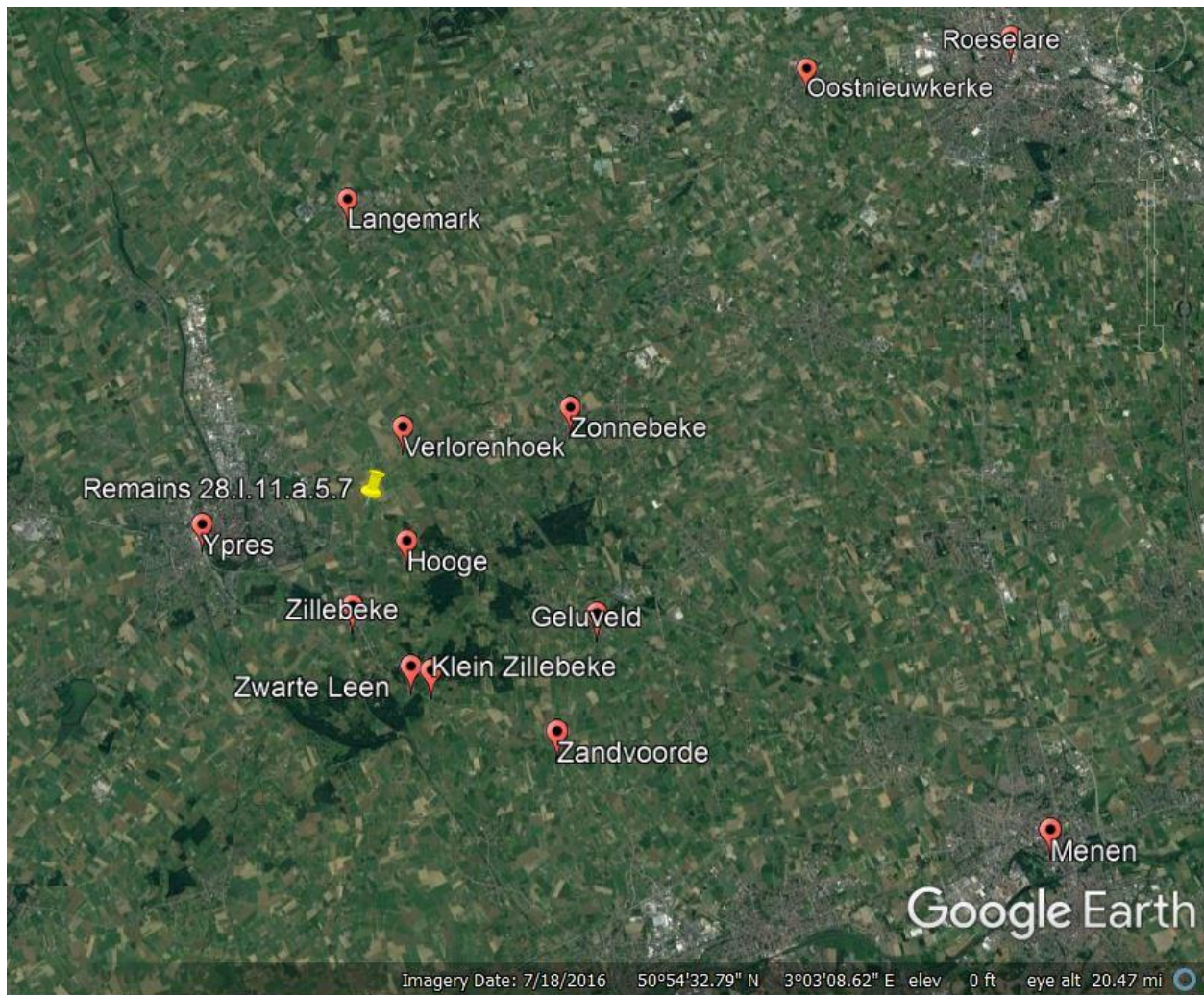
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[31 are named on the Ypres \(Menin Gate\) Memorial](#)

| | A | B | C | D | E |
|----|----------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | surname | forename | death | rank | # |
| 2 | BOWLBY | GEOFFREY VAUX SALVIN | 13-05-15 | Captain | |
| 3 | PHILIPPS | The Hon. COLWYN ERASMUS ARNOLD | 13-05-15 | Captain | " |
| 4 | BROWNING | MONTAGUE THEODORE SPINDLER | 29-10-14 | Corporal | '1296' |
| 5 | EALLES | VALENTINE WILLIAM | 13-05-15 | Corporal | '1341' |
| 6 | WHITE | CHARLES HENRY | 21-10-14 | Corporal | '1454' |
| 7 | COLE | EDMUND FRANK MORTIMER | 18-10-14 | Corporal of Horse | '1481' |
| 8 | ERVIN | HUGH GLASS | 30-10-14 | Corporal of Horse | '1222' |
| 9 | FEW | ARTHUR GEORGE THOMAS | 30-10-14 | Corporal of Horse | '1412' |
| 10 | WELLS | WILLIAM APPELYARD | 06-11-14 | Corporal of Horse | '1385' |
| 11 | BURFIELD | FRANK HENRY THOMAS | 19-11-14 | Lance Corporal | '1475' |
| 12 | HARPER | FRANK EDWIN AUGUSTUS | 30-10-14 | Lance Corporal | '1548' |
| 13 | COMPTON | Lord SPENCER DOUGLAS | 13-05-15 | Lieutenant | |
| 14 | DAVSON | THOMAS GORDON | 13-05-15 | Lieutenant | |
| 15 | LAMBTON | The Hon. FRANCIS | 30-10-14 | Second Lieutenant | |
| 16 | PULLEN | GUY HARPER | 13-05-15 | Second Lieutenant | |
| 17 | CADE | JOHN JOSEPH | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1491' |
| 18 | CORLETT | THOMAS | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1473' |
| 19 | DAVIES | JAMES BUTCHER | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1283' |
| 20 | DITCHER | FREDERICK CHARLES | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1569' |
| 21 | EDGLEY | LESLIE SEYMOUR | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1708' |
| 22 | HALLETT | THEO BENNETT | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1884' |
| 23 | HASTINGS | HENRY ALFRED | 30-10-14 | Trooper | '1494' |
| 24 | JENKINS | FREDERICK | 16-11-14 | Trooper | '1368' |
| 25 | KING | CECIL | 30-10-14 | Trooper | '1636' |
| 26 | MEYER | GEORGE EDWARD | 30-10-14 | Trooper | '1252' |
| 27 | MUNSON | ERNEST PERCIVAL | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1456' |
| 28 | OATLEY | SAMUEL COLTON | 30-10-14 | Trooper | '1417' |
| 29 | OGGELSBY | HARRY HOWARD | 04-02-15 | Trooper | '1482' |
| 30 | PERRY | WILLIAM CHARLES | 30-10-14 | Trooper | '1541' |
| 31 | THURSTON | SIDNEY CHARLES | 13-05-15 | Trooper | '1594' |
| 32 | SCOTT | ARTHUR HENRY WILLIAM GEORGE | 02-11-14 | Trumpeter | '1357' |

ATTACHMENT #7b

Location of the Royal Horse Guards in Belgium at the time of the deaths of the Corporals and Corporals of Horse. [Google Earth Pro Imagery](#).



3 Corporals – two in October 1914 and the other in May 1915

- White #1454 (21-10-14): Langemark-Zonnebeke Road (WD [10 of 452](#)) (WD [20 of 413](#))
 - Browning #1296 (29-10-14): German attack at Gheluvelt (WD [12 of 452](#)) (WD [32 of 413](#))
 - Eales #1341 (13-05-15): road by Railway Wood 28.I.11.b (WD [73 of 452](#))
- Disposition Map places the RHG at **28.I.11.a** north of road east of GHQ Line (WD [372 of 773](#)) where the remains of the unknown were recovered. See also (WD page [364 of 413](#))

4 Corporals of Horse – three in October 1914, one in November 1914

- Cole #1481 (18-10-14): south of Oostnieuwkerke (WD [8 of 452](#)) (WD [18 of 413](#))
- Ervin #1222 (30-10-14): Zandvoorde Ridge (WD [13 of 452](#)) (WD [33 of 413](#), [176 of 413](#))
- Few #1412 (30-10-14): ditto
- Wells #1385 (6-11-14): Zillebeke to Zwart Leen sector (WD [37 of 452](#)) (WD [155 of 413](#))

ATTACHMENT #8a

3rd Cavalry Division, Headquarters Branches and Services WO95/1141/1 (Ancestry.co.uk starting at [page 367 of 773](#))
Headquarters of the 7th and 8th Cavalry Brigade at Potijze 28.I.4.c.1.8 ([page 369 of 773](#))

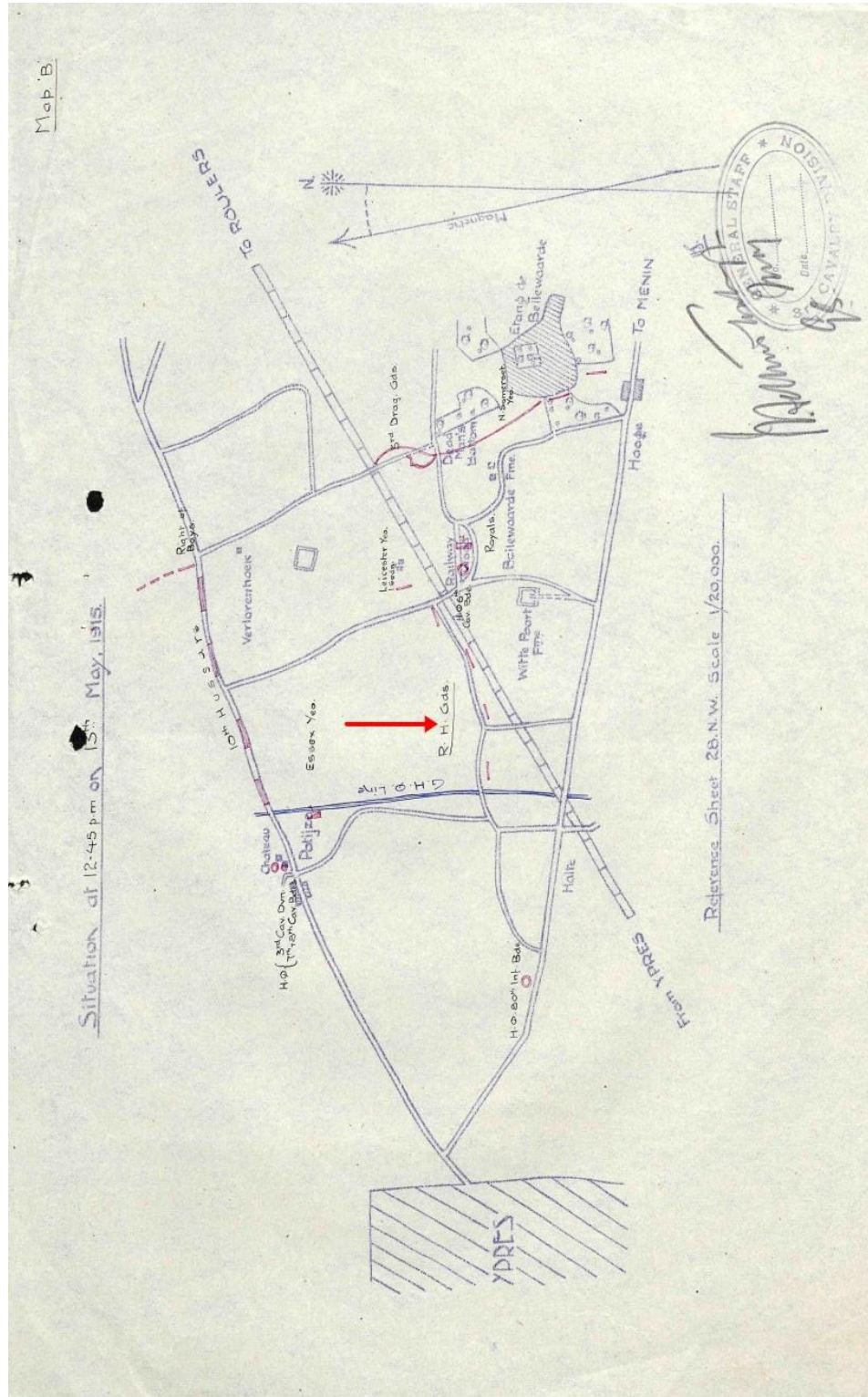
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| Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs. Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript. | | WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Erase heading not required.) | | Army Form C. 2118. 3rd Cavalry Division. | |
| Hour, Date, Place | | Summary of Events and Information | | Remarks and references to Appendices | |
| May 13th (continued). | | <p>The disposition of the Division was now as follows :- 8th Cavalry Brigade holding the front up to the Railway with the North Somerset Yeomanry on the right and the 3rd Dragoon Guards on the left, the Royals in Brigade Reserve near the Brigade Headquarters in the Railway wood I.11.b. 7th Cavalry Brigade Prolonging the line up to near VERLORENHOEK. The Leicester Yeomanry on the right, the 2nd Life Guards in the centre, and the 1st Life Guards on the left, each finding its own supports. 8th Cavalry Brigade in Reserve near POTIJZE.</p> <p>Soon after dawn the G.O.C. started off to visit Brigadiers. Heavy firing was heard along the front, and on reaching the 80th Infantry Brigade Headquarters on the MENIN road (near 1st kilo.) such a heavy bombardment was taking place that it was found impossible to proceed further. Telephonic communication to the front had been interrupted but shortly afterwards the Brigade-Major of the 8th Cavalry Brigade arrived with a verbal message to the effect that the front of this Brigade and the area in rear of it up to the outskirts of YPRES, was being very heavily shelled, that the 3rd Dragoon Guards had been buried in their trenches, that the Germans had succeeded in piercing the line, and that the G.O.C. the Brigade was initiating a counter-attack with the Royals. It transpired later that the report that the Germans had penetrated the line was incorrect, this was not discovered however, until the counter-attack had reached the front line, which, led by the Brigadier, it accomplished after a most gallant advance under terrific shell fire, suffering very heavy casualties in doing so. The G.O.C. Division immediately proceeded to the Headquarters of the 7th and 8th Cavalry Brigades which were in dug-outs near POTIJZE Chat.</p> <p>Meanwhile reports had reached (41) the Advanced Report Centre, which was still West of YPRES, that the 7th Cavalry Brigade front was also being heavily bombarded and that the troops were suffering severely. The trenches near VERLORENHOEK were said to have been</p> | | (41) A.K.85 and 86 from 7th Cav.Bde. | |
| 4-15 am. | | | | | |
| 7-20 am. | | | | | |
| 7-35 am. | | | | | |

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ATTACHMENT #8b

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920 Divisional Headquarters 3rd Cavalry Division Piece 1141/1-4: Headquarters Branches and Services: General Staff (1914 Oct - 1919 May).
[Ancestry.co.uk](https://www.ancestry.co.uk) Page 372 of 773 (red arrow marks the location of the Royal Horse Guards)

The Royal Horse Guards in this sketch are located in Sector **28.I.11.a**, where the remains were recovered.



UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920 8th Cavalry Brigade 3rd Cavalry Division Piece 1156 [Ancestry.co.uk](https://www.ancestry.co.uk) page 64 of 729

La Brique Military Cemetery, No. 2 1.T.7

ATTACHMENT #8d

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920 3rd Cavalry Division, Headquarters
Branches and Services: General Staff Appendices Piece 1142/1 Ancestry.co.uk page 368 of 413

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officers, behind the G.H.Q. line, whilst of the Leicester Yeomanry all that could be ascertained was that the remains of 1 squadron were N. of the railway line in H.11.b.

10-25 a.m. At 10-25 a.m. another order was received from Cavalry Force to counter-attack, together with certain suggestions for carrying out this operation. Preparatory steps had already been taken towards this end, but it was necessary that the situation should become clearer before any such attack took place.

The preparatory steps referred to consisted in :-

(a) Warning the Cavalry Force that if the Reserves under General Briggs were thus employed, the G.H.Q. line would be left unoccupied.

(b) Despatching the 10th Hussars of the 8th Cavalry Brigade to connect the G.H.Q. line with the right of the Bays (1st Cavalry Brigade) which had become exposed owing to the retirement of the 7th Cavalry Brigade. It would then be in a position to make a counter-attack to recover the lost trenches South of VERLORENHOEK, in co-operation with a similar attack which it was intended to launch from the left of the 6th Cavalry Brigade to recover the trenches on the left of that Brigade.

(c) Ordering the 8th Cavalry Brigade to send one Regiment (Royal Horse Guards) to similarly protect the left of the 6th Cavalry Brigade, and to reconnoitre the ground preparatory to counter-attack.

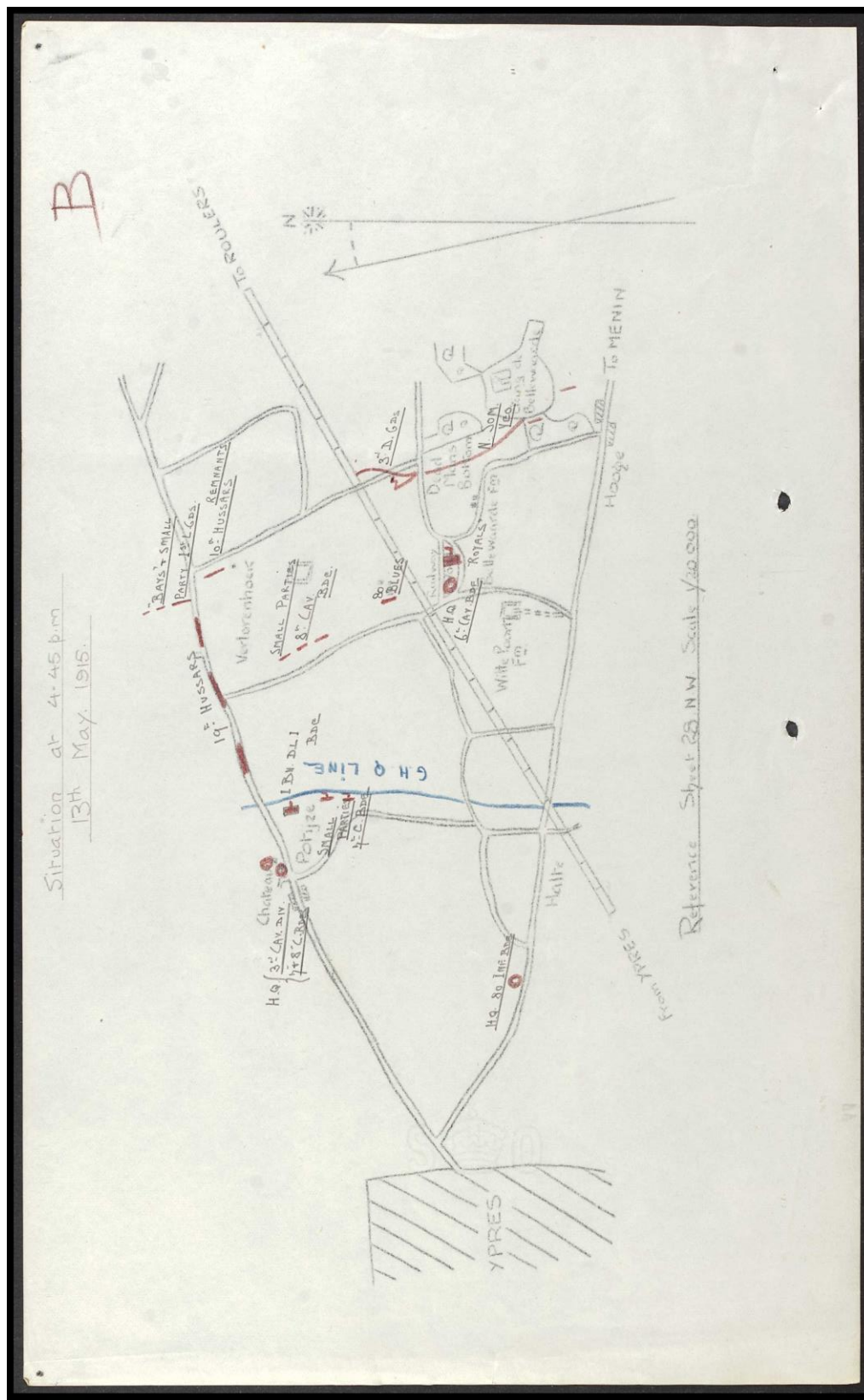
At 12-45 p.m. the situation having become clearer, the orders for the counter-attack, which was to commence at 2-30 p.m. were issued. The G.O.C. 8th Cavalry Brigade was to command this attack, which was to be carried out by his Brigade, supported by all the Artillery which was then supporting the Cavalry line, and by armoured motor-cars. One regiment of the 9th Cavalry Brigade was also detailed to be ready to support the attack, or if it failed to close the gap.

The counter-attack was carried out with the utmost gallantry and vigour, under very heavy fire from shrapnel and H.E. shell. The enemy did not wait to meet it, but fled in disorganized bodies, and are believed to have suffered heavy loss from our artillery, which acted all through in close co-operation.

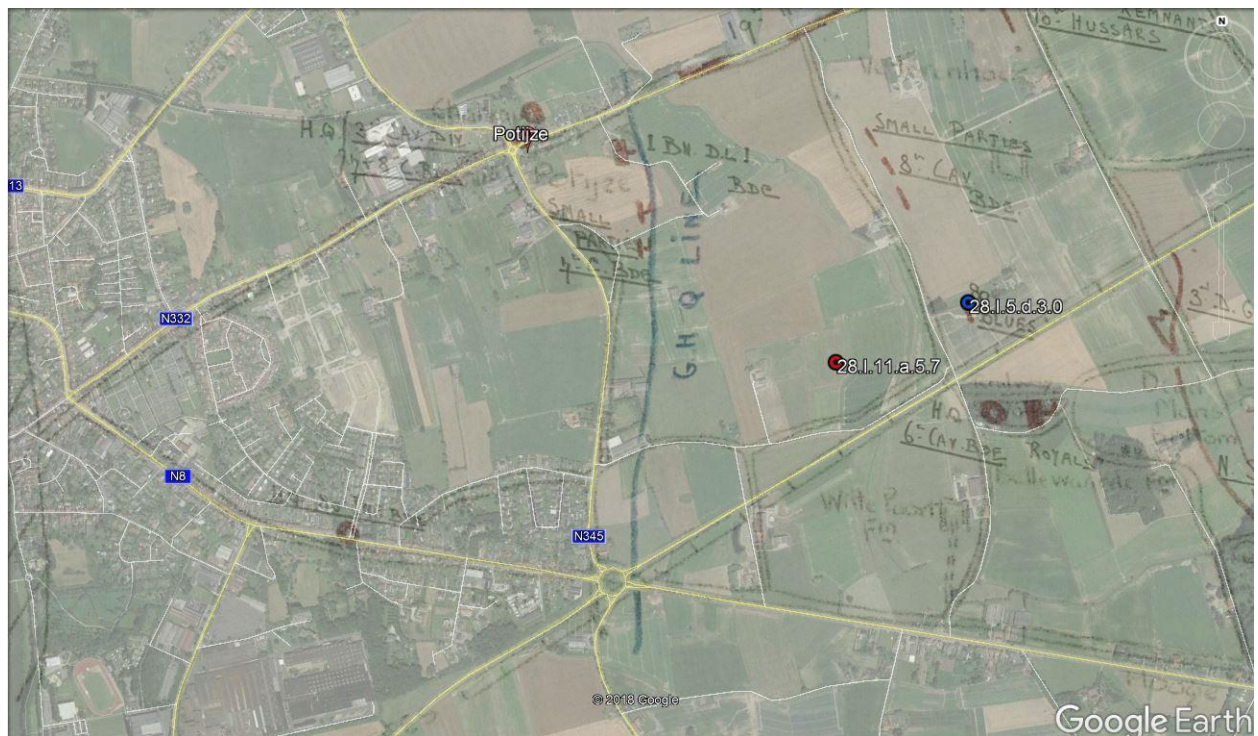
Requires confirmation; very doubtful if more than a few hostile scouts were actually seen.

ATTACHMENT #8e

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Branches and Services: General Staff Appendices Piece 1142/1 Ancestry.co.uk page 369 of 413



Google Earth Overlay of the war diary disposition sketch (Attachment #8E) to note the location of the remains of Corporal Eales (28.I.11.a.5.7) and Corporal Waite (28.I.5.d.3.0), with and without the trench map overlay. This overlay was prepared by the author of this report.



ATTACHMENT #9

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Commonwealth Forces during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

This process differs from cases related to members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) as these do not go first to the CWGC Canadian Agency in Ottawa. We have modified the requirement information noted below to include CWGC criteria from their source material:

| Guideline Criteria for Submission: | Evidence and Source Material: |
|---|--|
| Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later. | Un-cited resources cannot be accepted as official evidence. Research conducted on the internet will only be accepted if supplied by a recognised authority such as the CWGC, National Archives etc. Any primary (contemporary) sources <i>e.g. the National Archives, CWGC, and Genealogical website original documentation etc.</i> must be copied and submitted with the case. The relevant pages of any secondary material <i>e.g. published reference books and articles; website material etc.</i> should also be copied and submitted. All sources must be correctly referenced as footnotes throughout the submission as well as cited in a complete bibliography of consulted sources. Referencing is essential to any historical research and should contain some uniform elements. |

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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